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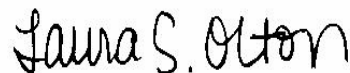
**RE: Docket D-06-13 - Joint Petition of The Narragansett Electric Company and Southern Union Company for Approval of Purchase and Sale of Assets  
Response to the George Wiley Center's Data Request - Set 2**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Enclosed please find five (5) copies of a response from The Narragansett Electric Company, d/b/a National Grid, to George Wiley Data Request 2-1, the only data request in the second set of data requests issued by the George Wiley Center on Thursday, June 8, 2006, in the above-captioned proceeding.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (401) 784-7667.

Very truly yours,



Laura S. Olton

Enclosures

cc: Docket D-06-13 Service List

**George Wiley Center Data Request 2-1**

**Request:**

In response to Division Data Request 2-2, National Grid (NG) states that it is scheduled to migrate to a Company Service System (CSS) like that used in New York in 2007, but that it has not yet decided whether to send a single monthly bill for both gas and electric service, like the one used in New York.

- (a) When does NG anticipate deciding whether it will consolidate these bills?
- (b) Does NG anticipate making this decision before migrating to a CSS system in 2007?

**Response:**

The Company would expect to make a decision about consolidated billing in Rhode Island when we file a new rate plan for the gas operations. While the petition states that the Company would be making a filing of a new rate plan within 6 months of the Division's order in this case, subsequent discussions with the Division's Advocacy Section has altered this schedule. At this time, we expect a new rate plan would be filed within 12 months of the closing.

The Company's existing CIS system is not capable of consolidating electric and gas bills. Thus, after the acquisition closes, billing will remain separate at least until a new system is in place. National Grid does not anticipate the new "CSS" system to be ready for use in Rhode Island any earlier than the last quarter of 2007.

## **Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that a copy of the cover letter and materials accompanying this certificate were mailed or hand-delivered to the parties listed below.



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Joanne M. Scanlon

Date: June 14, 2006

### **National Grid & Southern Union - Docket D-06-13 Updated Service List as of 5/15/06**

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